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Title: District Attorney recommending the Board consider the following:
 1) Authorize the submission of a grant application to the California Emergency Management Agency for the Victim Witness Assistance Program for Fiscal Year 2010/2011; and
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BUDGET SUMMARY:		
Total Estimated Cost		\$181,669
Funding		
Budgeted	\$175,865	
New Funding	\$	
Savings	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Funding Available	\$	
Change To Net County Cost		\$5,804

Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost: Currently the budget is anticipated to have a net county cost of \$5,804 due to the shift in personnel. In prior years 1.0 FTE program specialist was funded partially through the Victim Witness Assistance Grant (.80 FTE) and the Elder Abuse and Advocacy Grant (.20FTE). At this point in time the Elder Abuse and Advocacy Grant is being presented as a Request for Proposal by the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA), so the department is unsure as to whether or not we will continue to receive funding in fiscal year 2010/2011. If the department does receive a grant award through the Elder Abuse and Advocacy Grant the personnel allocation will be restored to the 80/20 split and there will be no net county cost for this program. The anticipated release of the grant awards is middle to late September 2010.

Grant Period: 7-1-2010 to 6-30-2011

Required Match: None

Background: The District Attorney's Office has operated the Victim Witness Assistance Program since 1980. Over the last few years the number of cases needing victim witness assistance have increased resulting in a greater demand for advocate involvement.

Reason for Recommendation: The Victim Witness Assistance program serves as a resource to crime victims. The advocates funded under this grant are required to provide the following services: crisis intervention, emergency assistance, resources referral and assistance, direct counseling and therapy, claim assistance, property return, orientation, court escort, case status/disposition, notification of family and friends.

Action to be taken following Board approval: Certification to be signed by Board Chair then forwarded to District Attorney's Office for submission to CalEMA.

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Concurrences: County Counsel and Risk Management